

In the Specification:

The following paragraphs of the specification are amended as follows:

Paragraph on Page 3, lines 4 - 25:

Referring to the Figure, a kitchen apparatus 8 according to the present invention is shown. The kitchen apparatus includes a sink 10, preferably but not necessarily one that is known in the art as a farm sink. A farm sink is a counter-mounted sink that is not free standing, and that possesses a front surface that is visible after the sink is installed in the counter. However, a sink of the freestanding variety that has legs and is not integrated into a counter but where the front surface is nevertheless visible when the sink is configured for use may be used without departing from the principles of the present invention. The sink 10 is equipped with a basin 11 with a drain hole 9 for connection to a drain, and with one or more faucets 14 for introducing water into the basin. The faucets are typically not manufactured with the sink but are added during or after installation of the sink. Side flanges (not shown) may be provided whereby the sink is laterally supported by the adjacent countertop, to which the side flanges are attached and caulked. The basin 11 forms a depression in a generally horizontal surface 13, which is typically flat and which typically surrounds the basin circumferentially. Depending downwardly from a front portion 13a of ~~surface 13~~ the sink 10 is an apron 17 having a front surface 12 ~~of the sink~~. The front surface 12 is typically substantially vertically oriented, but this is not necessary. In the preferred farm sink embodiment, a gap 15 is typically provided between the basin and the ~~front surface 12~~ apron

17 to allow the sink to be additionally supported by a structural element of the counter in which it is installed that runs laterally through the gap. The front surface 12, which is visible after sink installation, conceals this structural element. The sink is generally constructed of metal as a single unit by casting, but could also be formed through other techniques such as the bending, cutting and welding of sheets of metal.

Paragraph on Page 5, lines 4 - 11:

At least one attachment member is used to affix the panel 20 to the front surface 12 of the apron 17 ~~of sink 10~~ so that the decorative treatment on the front face of the panel is visible when the sink is installed. The attachment member may be of various different types such as are well-known in the art, such as bolts, welds, glue, or hook and loop fasteners and which are suitable for the form of the panel. The Figure shows bolts 24 used as attachment members, the bolts passing through holes in the panel and being secured to the sink either by screwing into threaded holes in the front surface of the sink or by means of nuts screwed onto the bolts behind the front surface of the sink.

Paragraph at Page 5, lines 13 - 22:

The ~~front surface 12~~ apron 17 of the sink comprises a panel attachment portion 16 which is adapted to receive the panel 20. In addition, the front surface 12 is preferably adapted to frame

the panel, such as by providing a recessed portion 12a that is adapted to fit the panel, but this is not essential. The panel attachment portion ~~16 of the front surface~~ comprises any area or feature of the ~~front surface~~ apron 17 where the panel may be attached, including holes which may be threaded to receive bolts 24, or a flat area where the panel may be affixed by gluing or through the use of a hook and loop fastener, or regions of the front surface 12 where spot or bead welds may be used to affix the panel to the front surface. It is thus apparent that the character of the panel attachment portion of the sink will depend upon what type of attachment member is used to affix the panel.

Paragraph at Page 5, line 24 - Page 6, line 3:

On the panel 20 a sink attachment portion 22 is provided whereby the panel may be affixed to the ~~front of the sink 10~~ apron 17 by an attachment member. The sink attachment portion may, similarly to the panel attachment portion, differ depending upon the nature of the attachment member used; for instance if bolts are to be used as attachment members, the sink attachment portion includes the holes in the panel where the bolts 24 pass through; if spot welds are used as attachment members, the sink attachment portion includes the edges or corners of the panel where the spot welds are to be located. It is also possible that the sink attachment portion may simply comprise the rear surface of the panel itself, such as when the panel will be affixed to the sink by means of glue, such as industrial strength epoxy resin. If the panel is attached by a bead weld, the sink attachment portion is the entire edge of the panel.